REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Examiner Lee, during the recent interview, requested the name of the process used in the present application to produce catalyst particles. The name of this process is the "precipitation-reduction method." Also, the Applicants would like to refer the examiner to the following websites for information regarding methods used to produce particles:

1. Atomization Method

http://www.answers.com/topic/powder-metallurgy

http://asm.confex.com/asm/itsc06/techprogram/paper_11778.htm

http://scitation.aip.org/getabs/servlet/GetabsServlet?prog=normal&id=APPLAB0000

67000014002008000001&idtype=cvips&gifs=yes

http://www.daido.co.jp/rd/denki/de77/7704.pdf

http://www.sumitomo-ti.co.jp/develop_e/hunmatu.html

http://cat.inist.fr/?aModele=afficheN&cpsidt=3060310

http://cat.inist.fr/?aModele=afficheN&cpsidt=16958588

http://www.begellhouse.com/journals/6a7c7e10642258cc,56f270184431b9d3,517855 ff68a039f4.html

2. Twin-Roll Method

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6TGJ-4K7F9KJ-1&_user=10&_coverDate=07%2F03%2F2006&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&view=c&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=44f5e184135ca1f3153ebfaeac452836

http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1034/j.1600-0692.2003.00636.x? cookieSet=1&journalCode=sjm http://www.scientific.net/0-87849-428-6/119/

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If the examiner has any questions concerning the above materials, please contact the undersigned.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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